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It was the hottest Aug. 21 in 33 years—or a generation.

Someone apparently is trying to float Plainfield out of the arid area.

First Chief Carranza is maintaining a silence which becomes him well.

The German crown prince was not wounded, as reported recently, only in his pride because of failure to take Verdun.

There is always some kill-joy; no sooner did the price of gasoline begin to go down than the price of hard coal began to go up.

When Rumania breaks over her neutrality and joins the entente allies it will be the time to hunt for Portugal in the same ranks. They are twin sisters in the laggard's game.

The German fleet seems to be able to inflict heavy damage upon the British fleet before turning about and scouting for cover. This constant pecking away must be a source of worry to John Bull.

Henry Ford is in New York City again but he has not come to embark on another out-of-the-trenches-by-Christmas campaign. Perhaps he has come to look over that two-ounce a gallon motor propeller—you remember, that green stuff which was to drive gasoline out of business.

Says the Boston Transcript: "The Vermont legislature will meet in special session this week, thus showing to Massachusetts her duty to the boys on the border."
If a sense of duty should cause Gov. McCall to call the Massachusetts legislature together, we hope that he will not be accused of doing it to gain a political end.

It ought not to have been necessary to receive a threatening letter before giving Charles Evans Hughes proper protection against cranks and disgruntled politicians, but the receipt by the candidate of a threat to beware at Santa Ana, Cal., will serve to give the candidate the safeguards which reason dictates. A repetition of the Milwaukee outrage of four years ago would give a blackeye to our American political life.

Norwich university is to be congratulated over its good fortune in having Major Frank Tompkins, U. S. A., assigned to the position of professor of military science and tactics for the year beginning next month because Major Tompkins is markedly capable of filling the place. He already has served a term of three years in the position and during that time he gained the respect of Norwich men in general, besides giving good satisfaction. Recently he has received deserved recognition for his part in the pursuit of the Villa bandits who attacked Columbus, N. M., which attack led directly to the sending of the entire army to the boundary line. In fact, Major Tompkins was the leader of the first party which pursued the bandits across the international line, and during the operations he was twice wounded and then sent back for recuperation. So, during the interval since he first served at Norwich, Major Tompkins has gained not a little experience from actual campaigning and he will be in a position to bring to the military department of the university at Northfield a broader idea of military science and tactics.

WAR BETWEEN GERMANY AND ITALY LIKELY

Events have been shaping themselves for an actual declaration of war between Germany and Italy, thus ending the anomalous position of two nations virtually hostile to each other in a great conflict and yet not formally declared as such. For more than a year Italy has been aligned with the entente allies against Austria, the chief ally of Germany, and during recent weeks has been inflicting great losses on Austria and thereby weakening Germany's resistance against the entente. Moreover, Italy has joined in the entente conferences in Paris at which plans of concerted campaigns were prepared against Germany as the final objective of the immediate point of attack might have been one or the other of the German allies. So, on its part, Italy has been virtually at war with Germany although the nominal peace treaty of the triple alliance still remained. On the other side, Germany is held to have been responsible for the offensive which Austria conducted against Italy a few months ago, an offensive which might not have been participated in by German soldiers but which nevertheless bore evidence of having been mapped out by German army officers; and when the Italian forces turned on the invaders and began to sweep them back the same German ingenuity was undoubtedly turned toward forming a defense, although perhaps no German troops actually took part. At least that is the general impression, particularly in Italy. Then again, there has been strong suspicion in Italian naval circles that Germany has been more or less mixed up

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In the submarine campaign in the Mediterranean sea, to say nothing of Austrian attacks from the air. Therefore, while avoiding the appearance of being actually engaged in war against Italy, Germany really seems to have been one of the active planners of Austria's campaigns. Still there was no declaration of war between the former allies in the triple alliance. Now comes the reported addition of Italian troops to the entente allies' forces in the Balkan region, where a great campaign seems about to be started. There Germany and Italy are sure to clash in actual conflict because the Bulgarian and Austrian movements are directed in large part by German officers, even if German troops are not participants. This last development is likely to prove the event which results in formal declaration of war either by Germany or by Italy. The almost impossible conditions existing for a year cannot remain much longer.

CURRENT COMMENT

Big Philanthropic Work.

Ira C. Calf of Washington is a man who is doing a big philanthropic work without extra fuss or feathers. The Barre City hospital, the Heaton hospital and the Mary Fletcher hospital have received an aggregate of \$80,000 within a month and that means much to those who seek health in Vermont hospitals. He has not forgotten other worthy institutions within and without the state. He is following the sensible plan, evidently, of seeing his money doing a real service for humanity instead of leaving it wilted with all the uncertainty of its final destination.—Bradford Opinion.

Vermont's Way.

Vermont, although the number of its troops in camp is small and its native generosity not small, finds that the hand-to-mouth methods of providing relief for militiamen's families are not a success. Gov. Gates has called a special session of the legislature for next Thursday "to provide for such compensation of Vermont troops in addition to United States pay and for such relief of their families and dependents as may seem advisable."

Even in Massachusetts, where public spirit in times of emergency is always prompt and liberal, there is difficulty in providing a decent living for destitute dependents of the soldiers. The relief fund has been so small that the expedients of the frank charity have been adopted. The dignity of a fund gathered without the fuss of ordinary charity methods seems impossible of attainment. The soldiers' family asks and receives at some cost of pride, in many instances. Massachusetts is not likely to tolerate that plan much longer. Special legislative sessions in the first few days of the militia mobilization would have seemed hysterical. But with continuing doubt as to the period of border duty, and with the public fervor gradually subsiding to the zero mark, there will be renewed discussion of legislative action in many states.—Boston Journal.

EAST MONTPELIER.

The economic demonstration which was scheduled for Wednesday will be postponed until Friday, Aug. 25, at the same hour.

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John Jackson, who has been employed by Dean Martin on his farm for more than a year past, finished work last Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold R. Seaver and son, who have been visiting Forrest Seaver and family, returned the 20th to their home in Northfield.

Miss May I. Trimble of Elizabeth, N. J., who has been spending her vacation in town, has returned to her home.

Mrs. Myra H. Norris spent the latter part of last week visiting friends in the vicinity of her old home on Chelsea.

Mrs. Ida Whitcomb and sister, Miss Millie J. Drury, who have been in St. Albans to visit an aunt, returned home the 19th.

Miss Lena Seaver, who finished work for Mrs. Laura Ainsworth a short time ago, and has since been at home, has now gone to Northfield to visit her brothers there.

The O. E. S. No. 57 will give a lawn party at the home of J. G. Pirie on Thursday evening Aug. 24. The public are cordially invited.

Mrs. E. L. Andrews and daughter, Dorothy, have returned from a stay of several days with relatives in Northfield.

The Rural Good Luck club will meet on Saturday, Aug. 26, with Mrs. Frank B. Boyce; topic, Addison county. The picnic which was announced for Wednesday in Gales grove, is indefinitely postponed.

Clyde Morse of the Downs store has a new Ford.

Hiram S. Drury ran his Metz to Alstead, N. H., last Saturday to take his sister, Millie, to the home of Misses Frances and Helen Kimball, where she will stay till the last of this week.

George W. Holden is with a party of campers at Groton.

Miss Gladys Whitney, who has been visiting relatives in Tunbridge for several weeks, is again at home.

Mrs. McMillan of Burlington was in town visiting her brother, Albert Norris, and her step-son, James R. McMillan.

A representative of the Waterman-Waterbury company of Minneapolis, Minn., is in town to install the heating and ventilating plants at the village and quarry schoolhouses.

RANDOLPH

Miss Vernie Chamberlin, after a trip of some length to Ludlow and Rochester, returned here on Monday to remain the rest of her vacation, expecting to resume teaching in Saxtonville, Mass., the first of September.

Mrs. E. M. Woodworth and her daughter, Mrs. F. O. Jangraw, of Montpelier were here over Saturday night as the guests of Mrs. Woodworth and her son, Donald, returning home Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. John Howells of Barre were guests of Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Greene over Sunday. Mr. Howells is returning to resume business Monday, and leaving Mrs. Howells for a longer stay.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Battles of Montpelier, who have been here and in Braintree with relatives for a few days, returned to their home Sunday night.

Miss Chedel of Gaysville arrived here Monday night to be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Chedel and family for a few days.

Mrs. Lucy Parish went to St. Albans Sunday night for a several days' stay with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Craig and daughter, who have been entertained for several days by Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Wilson, left on Saturday for their home in Worcester, Mass. Mrs. Will Dickinson and her son, who have also been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson for several days, left on Sunday night for their home in Minneapolis.

Roy Smalley of Boston has come for a several days' stay with his mother, Mrs. Ella Smalley.

D. C. Wilmot, who joined his wife at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Goodwin on Saturday, returned to his home in Barre Sunday night, leaving Mrs. Wilmot to care for her mother, who has been very ill for a few days.

Mrs. A. B. Monroe of Windsor is passing several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Esterbrook.

Mrs. Lombard returned from Plainfield with her brother, N. N. Morse, and family Sunday night. They had been there to attend the funeral of their mother, Mrs. Maria Morse, and Monday morning left for her home in Pittsfield, Mass.

The water has been drawn down out of the mill pond, and extensive repairs are being made on the flume, a new one being built to replace the one which had been in use for the last forty years. N. N. Morse and sons, the owners, with the aid of several carpenters, are doing the work.

Z. L. and W. W. Seymour from Lynn and Swanton, Mass., were in town Saturday to visit their sister, Miss Emma Seymour. Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Danyow and the above named guests have gone to Highgate for a few days, expecting to return here for a longer visit.

Miseries of the Red Sea.

In the waters of the Red sea the cessation of the engines on a steamer for an hour means extreme physical suffering for passengers; for a day it would involve absolute torture. The wind which prevails every day is a hot, asphyxiating blast, and its continuous directions are from north and south toward the center. As a result every passing vessel is subjected to two days of almost intolerable heat, followed by two days of comparative comfort, but instances have been known of crowded liners being compelled when traveling with the wind to turn round and stem back for an hour or so in order to give the passengers even a brief respite from the sufferings induced by the dull, dead, unbearable atmosphere.

Must Try Something Else.

"I've planned a new cookbook for wives who take but a desultory interest in the kitchen."
"What's your idea?"
"Recipes will be sandwiched between short stories."
"That won't work. They won't read the recipes. Next to looking at the back of a book to see how a story ends the favorite occupation of the average feminine reader is skipping."
—Birmingham Age-Herald.

List of the Books Added to the Shelves of Aldrich Public Library During the Summer.

Adult Fiction.
Allen, James L.—Cathedral Singer.
Altshuler, J. A.—Star of Gettysburg.
Andrews, Mary S.—Three Things.
Beach, Rex—Crusoe Gardenia.
Bindliss, Harold—Hiding of Allenwood.
Bocher, Kate L.—People Like That.
Cather, Willa—Song of the Lark.
Chamberlain, George—John Bogardus.
Chase, Mary—Girl from the Big Horn.
Cullum, Ridgewell—Law-Breakers.
Davies, Maria T.—Over Paradise Ridge.
Daredevil.
Farnol, Jeffrey—Beltane the Smith.
Ferber, Edna—Emma McChesney & Co.
Galsworthy, John—Fraternity.
Island Parishes.
Villa Ruben.
Garland, Hamlin—They of the High Trails.
George, W. T.—Stranger's Wedding.
Gerould, K. F.—Great Traditions.
Vain Oblations.
Glasgow, Ellen—Life and Gabriella.
Green, Anna K.—Golden Slipper and others.
Grey, Zane—Border Legion.
Harben, Will—Inner Law.
Hay, Ian—First Hundred Thousand.
Howells, William D.—Daughter of the Storage.
Johnson, Mary—Fortune of Garin.
Johnson, Owen—Arrows of the Mighty.
Kelland, Clarence—Hidden Spring.
Kerr, Sophia—Love at Large.
Knight, William A.—Bedouin Lover.
King, Basil—Side of the Angels.
Lee, Jennette—Aunt Jane.
Lippman, Julie M.—Burkesses Amy.
Locke, William—Vivette.
Lutz, Grace—Lo, Michael.
Lynde, Francis—City of Numbered Days.
Real Man.
McCall, Sidney—Stirrup Latch.
Mason, A. E. W.—Lawrence Clavering.
Peple, Edward—Little Rebel.
Prince Chap.
Piper, Margaret— Sylvia's Experiment.
Sylvia of the Hilltop.
Pryor, Richard—David Penstephen.
Riss, Jacob—Neighbors.
Scribner, J. P.—Pilgrim's First Christmas.
Spearman, Frank—Nan of Music Mountain.
Stewart, Elmore P.—Letters of a Woman Homest.
Tarkington, Booth—The Flirt.
Seventeen.
Tchekoff, Anton—Russian Silhouettes.
Tompkins, J. W.—Seed of the Righteous.
Van Schalk, George—Son of the Otter.
Ward, Mrs. Humphrey—Eltham House.
Wells, H. G.—Research Magnificent.
Widdemer, Margaret—Rose Garden Hus-band.
Williamson, C. N. and A. M.—Secret History.
Wodehouse, P. G.—Uneasy Money.
Adult Non-Fiction.
Aldrich, Mildred—Hilltop on the Marne.
Austin, Mary—The Man Jesus.
Atkins, Glen—Maze of the Nations and the Ways Out.
Bancroft, Jessie—Games for Playground.
School.
Barrus, Calara—Our Friend, John Burroughs.
Burroughs, John—Breath of Life.
Elliott, Charles W.—The Road Toward Peace.
Hale, Louise—We Discover New England.
Hamm, Hudson—Defenseless America.
Noyes, Alfred—Lords of Misrule.
Poulsson, Emile—In the Child's World.
Powys, John C.—Visions and Revisions.
Slattery, Margaret—Charm of the Im-possible.
Sly, W. J.—World Stories Retold.
Washington, Stanley—Russian Campaign.
Cabot, Ella Lyman—Course in Citizenship.
Italian Books.
Alfieri, Vittorio—Prose e poesie scelte.
Alongi, Giuseppe—La commorra.
La mafia.
Amicis, De Edmondo—Costantinopoli.
La carrozza di tutti.
Olindo.
Ricordi di Londra.
Spagna.
Arbith, Edoardo—Vita Americana.
Bandi, Giuseppe—I mille.
Baratieri, Oreste—Memorie d'Africa.
Barrili, Antonio—Diana degli embriaci.
Il biancoscopia.
Il libro nero.
Bizzoni, Achille—Autopsia di un amore.
Bombei, Luigi—I mostra.
Bourget, Paolo—Enigma crudele.
Burloni, Nani—Le gloriose gesta.
Carlyle, Tommaso—Gli eroi.
Claretie, Giulio—Il terrore.
Cattaneo, Carlo—Storico-letterari-linguistici.
Claretie, Giulio—Sua eccellenza il ministro.
Costanzo, Aurilio—Gli eroi della soffitta e poesie varie.
D'Annunzio, Gabriele—San Pantaleone.
Daudet, Alphonse—I re in Esilio.
Del papato nei tre ultimi secoli.
Filopanti, Quirico—Dio liberale.
Flaubert, Gustave—La signora Bovary.
Gattini, Della—Il sorbetto della regina.
Ghialanzoni, Antonio—Racconti politici.
Giusti, Giuseppe—Poesie.
Goldini, Carlo—Commedie scelte.
Gualtiere, Luigi—Dio e l'ultimo.
L'innominato.
Guerrazzi, F. D.—La Battaglia di Benevento.
L'assedio di Firenze.
Hugo, Victor—Il novantatro.
Nostra signora di Parigi.
La Bolina, Jack—Leggende de mare.
La commedia di Dante Alighieri.
Leopardi, Giacomo—I canto.
Poesie.
Prose.
Liot, Paolo—In Alta.
Storia naturale in Campagna.
Livingston, David—Lo Zambese ed i suoi Affluenti.
Africa.
L'ultimo.
Mace, Giovanni—Servitori dello stomaco.
Un boccone di pane.
Maupassant, De—Chiaror di luna.
Mazzini, Giuseppe—Politica economia.
Scritti.
Memorie del Padre Curci.
Novaro, Angiolo—La rovina.
Ottolini, Vittore—La Rivoluzione Lombardo.
Quida—In maremma.
Padovani, Giulio—A vespro.
Panzavani, Enrico—Cor Sincronum.
I miei racconti.

Parini, Giuseppe—Le poesie.
Poesie scelte.
Pellio, Silvio—Prose e tragedie scelte.
Pieri, Mario—Risorgimento della guercia.
Rousseau, Gian—Confessioni.
La nuova Eloise.
Rovette, Gerolamo—Il processo montegu.
Stowe, Harriet B.—La capanna dello zio Tom.
Tacito, Gajo—Gli annali.
Tasso, Torquato—Gerusalemme liberata.
Tolstoi, Leone—La Guerra e la pace.
Memorie.
Verne, Giulio—Viaggi Straordinari.

THE GREAT WHITE PLAGUE.

Women Teachers Have Good Reason For Dreadful Tuberculosis.

That teachers are especially prone to tuberculosis is the statement made by the bureau of educational hygiene of the city of New York. This department says that this disease is 20 per cent more prevalent among teachers than among others of corresponding sex and age and that about half of all deaths among women teachers is caused by tuberculosis, and this in spite of the fact that teachers belong to a better hygienic grade than the general average.

Strenuous, nerve taxing work that causes physical exhaustion and nerve breakdown is given as the main cause. Terman states that "four hours of actual teaching represent about eight hours of ordinary office work." What is probably the second cause is lack of sufficient rest and regular exercise in the open air.

Speaking along this line, the state board of health says: "The worn, tired look that usually marks the teacher, especially about the close of school, is too often a condition of serious consequence. It may be just a 'tired, run-down condition' or a case of 'worn-out nerves' or both, but these are predisposing causes of tuberculosis as much or more than others."

"Unless the teacher is wise," says the board, "and as quickly as possible overcomes this tired feeling and regains her usual state of health and vigor she subjects herself to an open risk against tuberculosis as well as to other diseases."
"What the wise teacher will do is to avoid overwork and a nervous strain and see that she gets sufficient rest daily as well as daily exercise in the open air. This worn-out condition that is too often the beginning of a long, sad story is easy to prevent. To prevent it should be the teacher's first duty."

Duels in Greenland.

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